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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Lacmmle et al.

Application No.: 09/833328

Filed: April 12, 2001

For: COMPOSITION EXHIBITING A VON
WILLEBRAND FACTOR (vWF) PROTEASE
ACTIVITY COMPRISING A POLYPEPTIDE
CHAIN WITH THE AMINO ACID SEQUENCE
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Claims 1-35 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action mailed October 24, 2002, the Examiner requested that Applicants elect to prosecute one of the following groups of claims pursuant 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I – Claims 1-26, 29 and 30-31, drawn to polypeptide having vWF protease activity and its compositions, classified in class 435, subclass 219, for example.

Group II - Claims 32-33, drawn to DNA, host cell and recombinant method of production of the polypeptide of Group I, classified in class 536, subclass 23.2, for example.

Group III – Claim 27, drawn to the use of the polypeptide for the development of antibodies, classified in class 424, subclass 130.1, for example.

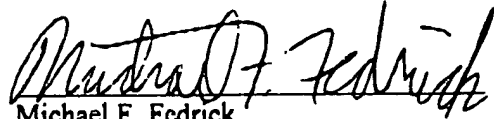
Group IV – Claim 28, drawn to a method of purifying von Willebrand factor, classified in class, 530, subclass 412, for example.

Group V – Claim 34 and 35 drawn to a use of polypeptide of Group I for the production of the preparation for the prophylaxis or therapy; the method is indefinite, classification unknown.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, with traverse. If there are any questions regarding this Response to Restriction Requirement, please telephone the undersigned at (805) 372-3553.

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